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<b>AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER (Large Entity)</b> Applicant(s): Christopher J. Hess et al.	Docket No. <b>14834Z (ETH-1540-CONT)</b>
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Application No. <b>10/612,363</b>	Filing Date <b>July 2, 2003</b>	Examiner <b>A. Roane</b>	Customer No. <b>23389</b>	Group Art Unit <b>3739</b>	Confirmation No. <b>5400</b>
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Invention: **VESSEL HARVESTING RETRACTOR WITH ELECTROSURGICAL PLUNGER**

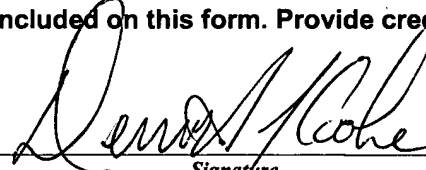
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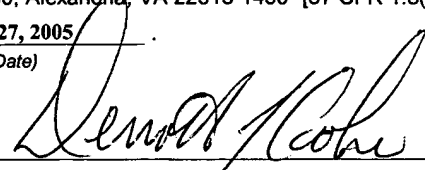
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**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R.  
§1.116 EXPEDITED PROCEDURE  
EXAMINING GROUP 3739**

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**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116**

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This Amendment is filed in reply to the Final Office Action mailed April 27, 2005. Entry and consideration of the Amendment is respectfully requested.

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